

THE STROLLABLE TOWNS OF BUTLER COUNTY, PA



Butler County's small towns are constantly evolving and growing. By fostering new businesses, creating unique events, and encouraging community collaboration, they've become a true destination for visitors.

TOWNS TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON

Butler County's small towns have undergone a remarkable transformation. Now they're bursting with unique local businesses, Instagram-worthy eateries, and vibrant arts and culture scenes. These two towns have worked hard to grow and are now verified destinations for a truly charming getaway.

- Butler's downtown features bustling small businesses along Main Street including a locally-owned brewery, trendy shops, unique restaurants, cozy B&B's, coffee shops, and a parking garage. The city has emerged as an 'artsy' town, bursting with murals, a local art gallery, and a restored historic theater.
- Another big-name small town is Mars. In June 2015, they began celebrating the planet's "new year" which happens approximately every two years or 687 Earth days. The event offers high-impact space-related programming that partners with NASA, STEAM education activities, exhibits, and experiences for all ages in an interactive, fun, family-friendly environment.

STROLL THROUGH HISTORY

The charming towns of Saxonburg, Zelenople, and Harmony are known for their unique history with their specialized museums, trendy boutiques and delicious restaurants.

Saxonburg's design features distinctive architecture modeled after a quaint German hamlet, giving the town original character. Main Street is lined with local dining options, cafes, and idyllic shops. A stop in the park pays homage to John Roebing; founder of the town and creator of wire-rope and designer of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Zelenople is lined with locally-owned businesses all while preserving the charm and delightful beauty of its traditional Main Street. This town attracts visitors with its trendy boutiques, gorgeous historic homes, unique dining options and art scene. Founded in 1802 by Detmar Basse, the town was named after his daughter, 'Zelie,' combined with the Greek word for town, 'nople.' Visitors can learn more about the history and heritage of the town with public tours at the Zelenople Historical Society's Passavant House and Buhl House, the oldest existing building in Zelenople.

Take a step back in time with a visit to Historic Harmony, the site of western Pennsylvania's first National Historic Landmark District. Harmony was founded in 1804 by the Harmony Society of German Lutheran Separatists who sought religious freedom. After two hundred years,





Saxonburg



Zelienople

the society lives on through the historic architecture, landmarks, museums, cemetery and events that celebrate the town's heritage. Like most, this quaint village will captivate you with its old brick and log buildings, unique shops, popular eateries.

TODAY'S SMALL TOWN USA

Butler County's small towns have evolved and become tourist destinations on their own. Unique culinary destinations, boutique shopping spots and a diverse craft beer scene. Many of these towns have taken it upon themselves to create and sustain special annual events to bring even more visitors to their towns. To the right are some of the most popular:



Zelienople

ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO

Zelienople

- **Zelienople Open Air Market** – Vendors and local businesses line the street every Thursday night from May through October, accompanied by live music and food trucks
- **Horse Trading Days** – An annual event to promote the Zelienople-Harmony area
- **Miracle on Main Street** – A holiday festival on Main Street with a live nativity, carolers, and a big parade

Saxonburg

- **Main Street Mingle** – Main Street is closed to vehicle traffic for monthly socials featuring live music, vendors, and extended shop and restaurant hours
- **'Burgh Bits and Bites Food Tours** - A food-tasting adventure combined with a historic walking tour throughout Main Street

Harmony

- **German Christmas Market (WeihnachtsMarkt)** – A regional artisans and vendors set up in an outdoor market fashioned after Germany's famed holiday markets
- **Silvester New Year's Eve Celebration** – A family-oriented celebration of the New Year on German time (the ball drops in the town square at 6 p.m.)



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